

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 4, 2011 (hereafter "Office Action") allowed claims 1 and 3-26. Claims 27-31, however, were rejected as not being directed to non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. The basis for this rejection was recited as being because claims 27-31 did not require a computer or processor to perform any instructions when executed. (Office Action, at 2).

Provided herein is an amendment to claim 27. Claims 28-31 depend from claim 27. Therefore, the limitations of claim 27 are present in each of claims 27-31.

The amendment of claim 27 is believed to resolve the basis for the rejection of claims 27-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. The claims as amended now require a medium to include code stored therein. The code, when executed, causes a computer device to perform a method. One example of such a computer device is the voice conferencing system 100 disclosed in the Specification. No new matter is added by the amendment to claim 27 made herein.

To the extent the Examiner believes that the amendment made herein does not resolve the rejection of claims 27-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner call the undersigned at 412-392-2121 so that this issue may be discussed.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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